

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The O'Gorman High School Band has been selected to represent the state of South Dakota in the World War II Memorial Dedication Parade in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004; and,

Whereas, The World War II Memorial Dedication Parade will be part of a National Festival of the States featuring only one band from each of the 50 states, along with some of the United States' top military bands; and,

Whereas, Under the direction of Mr. Jim Smith, the O'Gorman Marching Knights were selected on the basis of recommendations from state music officials, superior performance ratings, and past competition results; and,

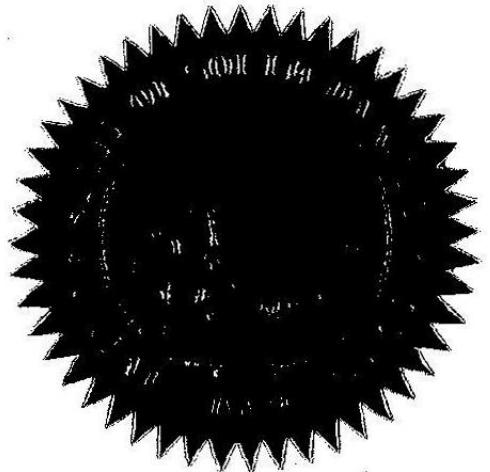
Whereas, This musical salute provides the opportunity for some of America's finest performing groups to reflect and honor America's rich musical and cultural heritage in our nation's capital, while allowing students to excel in their musical talents bringing distinction to the city of Sioux Falls and the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2004, as

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND DAY

in South Dakota, and congratulate the members and director on their talents, hard work, and dedication to excellence.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State